

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. MORRIS "MO" UDALL

### HON. THOMAS C. SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 17, 1998*

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week my friend and predecessor in this great body, John Seiberling, called and asked that I insert into the RECORD of our work his thoughts on his friend and colleague, Mo Udall.

To all of us who knew and worked with Mo Udall, he will always be an indelible model of all that we can be and do as lawmakers and as leaders, and as friends to one another even in the most difficult times.

I am grateful and honored that John Seiberling would ask me to share his words in this way.

*December 14, 1998.*

Re Hon. Morris Udall.

The death on December 12 of Morris "Mo" Udall has taken from us one of the most loved, most respected, and most accomplished Members of Congress in this generation.

Mo Udall was a BIG person, in every sense of the word. He was big not only in physical stature but also in strength of character, intellectual acumen, unfailing good humor, political vision, and understanding of the House and its constitutional role.

I first became acquainted with Mo in 1970, when he came to Akron to help me, a political underdog, in my ultimately successful campaign for election to the House. After I was elected, he helped me become one of his colleagues on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, which he later chaired with great distinction for over a decade. There I had the privilege of working with him on some of the landmark environmental legislative efforts that he led. These produced the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, which curbed the destructive practices of coal stripmining, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, probably the most monumental land conservation measure ever enacted.

Mo's unswerving devotion to his native Arizona, to the Congress, and to America's land and people, can and should serve as a model for generations to come. The widespread respect which Mo enjoyed resulted not only from his vision and courage but also his fairness and eagerness to seek common ground with colleagues on opposing sides of legislative issues. Above all, I shall always remember Mo as a warm and loyal friend, always considerate, humorous, and kind.

In 1980, Mo told me that his doctors had just informed him that he had Parkinson's disease. So began his valiant eighteen year struggle, during which his courage and serenity continued to inspire his friends and family. To his wife, Norma, son Mark, newly elected to the House, his brother Stewart, and the other members of Mo's family, I share your sense of loss, but also memories of his indomitable spirit and undying friendship. Truly, love endures and, in the end, prevails.

JOHN F. SEIBERLING.

## TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL WEAVER ODOM

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 17, 1998*

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in Congress to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding individual, Mr. Weaver Odom. Mr. Odom recently will retire after serving the Aldine Intermediate School District for 35 years, 31 of which has principal of Colonial Hills Elementary.

Weaver Odom joined Aldine ISD in 1963 and spent the first few years of his career as a fifth and sixth grade teacher. In 1968 he became temporary principal at Colonial Hills, but the temporary label was dropped. His 31 years of dedicated service will leave a legacy for students and teachers alike.

We in the Aldine ISD has been very fortunate to have benefited from Mr. Odom's dedication and loyalty. He always led by example and frequently welcomed students to school. Because he always treated others with respect and dignity, the people who work for him and attend his school consider him their friend as well as their principal.

Staff, faculty and students alike have spoken out in appreciation for Mr. Odom's work ethic and love for his students. His staff is so loyal that almost half of the school's employees have been there for more than 10 years. Many have admitted they stay simply because Principal Odom makes working at Colonial Hills fun.

In honor of Weaver Odom, the Aldine ISD recently announced it's decision to rename Colonial Hills to Odom Elementary. This honor is an appropriate way to thank Principal Odom for his dedication and leadership at the school and throughout the community.

Education is the key to our children's future and the key to our country's continued success. Principal Odom shares this belief and has worked with his faculty and staff to ensure that all students have an opportunity for quality education. The twenty-first century will bring new challenges for our young people. Principal Odom has been committed to educating them to deal with these challenges.

For years, families have known this school is run by a man dedicated to providing an environment conducive to learning. I am certain that the strength of the community would not be what it is without Mr. Odom's years of service and I am confident that his legacy will continue for years to come.

## TRIBUTE TO WILDA SPALDING

### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 17, 1998*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to World Wins Corporation and its

president, Wilda Spalding. I'm convinced that if there were more people like Wilda Spalding, than such lofty goals as world peace would not seem nearly so elusive. For 25 years, Ms. Spalding, the President of World Wins Corporation, has waged a one-person campaign in support of universal human rights, peace, and justice. She has devoted an incredible amount of her own time and resources in this effort. Among her proudest accomplishments was working with the United Nations to establish the UN's Year of the Child.

I first became aware of Ms. Spalding in the summer of 1998, when World Wins Corporation issued a medal of excellence to my close friend, Blinky Rodriguez. Blinky is the architect of the Valley Peace Treaty, which during the past five years has brought about a remarkable reduction in the number of gang killings in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

Those of us who live and work in the Northeast Valley are well aware of Blinky's work, and we were all very moved when he was recognized by Wilda Spalding and World Wins Corporation. Blinky joined 14 other winners of the Medal of Excellence in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was feted in front of an international audience of dignitaries.

I will always be grateful to Ms. Spalding for bestowing this prestigious and richly-deserved honor on Blinky.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Wilda Spalding, President of World Wins Corporation, for her dedication to making ours a better world. She is a shining example for us all.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. J. MICHAEL BISHOP FOR RECEIVING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY'S 1998 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

### HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 17, 1998*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the name of J. Michael Bishop, M.D. Dr. Bishop received the American Society for Cell Biology's 1998 Public Service Award on Sunday, December 13, 1998. On behalf of the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus, I want to extend our deepest congratulations to Dr. Bishop for his outstanding scientific and educational accomplishments. Last year, I was pleased to receive the same Public Policy Award. I am honored that for once in my lifetime, a Nobel Laureate is actually following in my footsteps.

Nearly 10 years ago, Dr. Bishop, along with other scientists, proposed a forum where scientists could brief the Congress and its staff on the latest discoveries in biomedical research. Thus was born the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus, which has now conducted over seventy-five briefings, provided the Congress with a first-rate science

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